

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10121–S10169

Measures Introduced: Five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1754–1758, S. Res. 303–306, and S. Con. Res. 45. **Page S10162**

Measures Passed:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: By 93 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 315), Senate passed H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, agreeing to the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10143–59**

Adopted:

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 2618, to ensure sustainment, readiness, and acquisition of ammunition for all United States military services in order to meet long term peacetime and wartime requirements. **Page S10149**

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 308), Franken Amendment No. 2588, to prohibit the use of funds for any Federal contract with Halliburton Company, KBR, Inc., any of their subsidiaries or affiliates, or any other contracting party if such contractor or a subcontractor at any tier under such contract requires that employees or independent contractors sign mandatory arbitration clauses regarding certain claims. **Pages S10143, S10146–48, S10149–50**

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 309), Franken (for Bond/Leahy) Amendment No. 2596, to limit the early retirement of tactical aircraft.

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Sanders/Dorgan Amendment No. 2601, to make available from Overseas Contingency Operations \$20,000,000 for outreach and reintegration services under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

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By 77 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 313), Inouye Amendment No. 2623, to provide full and open

competition for congressionally directed spending items. **Pages S10154–55**

Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 2616, Relating to the two-stage ground-based interceptor missile. **Pages S10144, S10155–56**

Inouye (for Bingaman/Udall (NM)) Amendment No. 2605, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force, \$5,000,000 to carry out evaluations and analyses of certain laser systems. **Pages S10156–57**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 307), Barrasso Amendment No. 2567, to prohibit the use of funds for the Center on Climate Change and National Security of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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By 28 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 310), Coburn Amendment No. 2565, to ensure transparency and accountability by providing that each member of Congress and the Secretary of Defense has the ability to review \$1,500,000,000 in taxpayer funds allocated to the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces. **Pages S10143, S10151–52**

By 25 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 311), Franken (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2566, to restore \$166,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations, by eliminating low-priority congressionally directed spending items for all operations and maintenance accounts.

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By 30 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 312), McCain Amendment No. 2580, to strike amounts available for procurement of C-17 aircraft in excess of the amount requested by the President in the budget for fiscal year 2010. **Pages S10153–54**

McCain Amendment No. 2560, to require that earmarks for for-profit entities be subject to full and open competition. **Page S10155**

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 314), McCain Amendment No. 2583, to strike funding for the MARIAH Hypersonic Wind Tunnel Development Program. **Page S10155**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Inouye, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Specter, Cochran, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Bennett, and Brownback.

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Commemorating Canonization of Father Damien de Veuster, SS.CC.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 304, commemorating the canonization of Father Damien de Veuster, SS.CC. to sainthood.

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Support for Victims of Natural Disasters: Senate agreed to S. Res. 305, expressing support for the victims of the natural disasters in Indonesia, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Philippines.

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National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 306, designating the week of October 18 through October 24, 2009, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”.

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U.S. Citizens in Iran: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 45, encouraging the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families in the United States as soon as possible.

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Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 72 yeas 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 306), Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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Cloture Motion—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be vitiated.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

O. Rogerie Thompson, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—315)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S10168.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY OPTIONS FOR MINIMIZING THREATS FROM IRAN

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine minimizing potential threats from Iran, focusing on administration perspectives on economic sanctions and other United States policy options, after receiving testimony from Senators Brownback and Casey; James B. Steinberg, Deputy Secretary of State; Stuart Levey, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; and Daniel O. Hill, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

EXPORT SUCCESS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine promoting export success for small and medium-sized businesses, after receiving testimony from Rochelle J. Lipsitz, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Promotion and Director General, United States and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration; Alice P. Albright, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Export-